## October 5, 2010

Regular Meeting of the City of Hiram, Georgia 217 Main Street, Hiram, Georgia Hiram City Hall

## The regular session for October 5, 2010 of the City of Hiram was called to order by Mayor Rollins.

Regular Session attendees: Mayor Carmen C. Rollins, Mayor Pro Tem Jack Paris, Councilman Derrick Battle, Councilwoman Earlene Graham, Councilwoman Teresa Philyaw, Councilwoman Helena Williams, City Attorney Glen Stinson, City Clerk Terri Holley, Deputy City Clerk Jill Head, City Operations Manager Jody Palmer, Cynthia Geyer, Pep Rollins, Angela Wingers, Leo Parker, Douglas Munnell, Jerry Johnson, Brett Johnson, Linda Verscharen, Keith Graham, Neal Bradley, Robbie Finley, Brian Acree, Chase O'Neal, Shauni O'Neal, Mike O'Neal, Larry Konieczny, Justin Payne, Jason Cromer, Micah Gravley, Bob Tressel, Mike Wilson, Donald Roberts

Invocation and Pledge led by Robbie Finley of Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

**10-109:** Mayor Pro Tem Jack Paris made a motion to approve the September 14, 2010 work session minutes and the September 14, 2010 regular session minutes as written, seconded by Councilwoman Earlene Graham. Motion carried unanimously.

\*Note: Republican nominee for the State House of Representatives, Paulette Braddock, came before the Council to introduce herself to the community and to ask that people vote on November 2, 2010 in order to keep conservative values in the House.

**10-110:** Mayor Rollins presented the Public Safety Appreciation Proclamation to Chief Gary Yandura, Micah Gravely, and Linda Verscharen and proclaimed October 9, 2010 Public Safety Appreciation Day. Micah Gravely addressed the Mayor and Council, thanked them for the proclamation, and invited everyone to attend their event on October 9, 2010 at the Paulding Northwest Atlanta Airport to show support for our public safety officers. Chief Yandura introduced Hiram's newest officers and thanked his officers for their hard work and sacrifice.

**10-111:** Mayor Pro Tem Jack Paris made a motion to nominate Jim Croft for Hiram's representative on the Economic Development Organization Board, seconded by Councilman Derrick Battle. Motion carried unanimously.

**10-112:** Councilwoman Helena Williams made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2010/2011 budgets excluding the addition of a Human Resources employee, seconded by Councilwoman Earlene Graham. Motion carried 4-1-0 with Councilwoman Teresa Philyaw opposing.

\*Note: Mayor Rollins called attention to the minutes from the Special Called Meeting held on April 13, 2010 when the council voted and approved a full-time employee position for Administration. Discussion took place regarding whether or not the position was intended for Public Works or for Human Resources. Mayor Rollins stated that City Clerk Terri Holley was "flung" into the HR role without any training and encouraged the Council to agree that a Human Resources employee is greatly needed not just for preventative measure but for policy updates, training, interviews, evaluations, and conflict management.

**10-113:** Mayor Pro Tem Jack Paris made a motion to rescind the vote to approve the Fiscal Year 2010/2011 budget excluding the Human Resources employee, seconded by Councilwoman Teresa Philyaw. Motion carried 3-2-0 with Councilwoman Earlene Graham and Councilwoman Helena Williams opposing.

**10-114:** Mayor Pro Tem Jack Paris made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2010/2011 budgets as written including the Human Resources person, seconded by Councilwoman Teresa Philyaw. Motion carried 3-2-0 with Councilwoman Earlene Graham and Councilwoman Helena Williams opposing.

**10-115:** Councilwoman Teresa Philyaw made a motion to approve the variance application from Perspective Engineering, Inc., for a variance located on approximately 2.378 acres to reduce the front (south) landscape buffer requirement from 10 (ten) feet to 0 (zero) feet for a distance of 157 feet (per the proposed site plan) for a proposed restaurant. Property is located in Land Lot 613; District 2, Section 3; located on the north side of US 278 (aka Jimmy Lee Smith Parkway), west of Greenfield Road with the stipulation that the Owner/Developer agrees, once the Georgia DOT maintenance agreement is reached, to include the right-of-ways of US 278 and Greenfield Road as part of the required landscape plan to be submitted to Planning and Zoning for approval, prior to issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jack Paris. Motion carried unanimously.

**10-116:** Mayor Pro Tem Jack Paris made a motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Stevenson & Palmer Engineering, Inc., upon review and approval by the City Attorney and for a not-to-exceed amount of \$29,335.00 for design services, bid services, and construction administration on the Powder Springs Project CIP #FY2011-01-PW, seconded by Councilman Derrick Battle. Motion carried unanimously.

\*Note: Mayor Rollins asked the Council to consider dates for a retreat that the Mayor and Council should take in order to discuss grant opportunities.

**10-117:** Mayor Pro Tem Jack Paris made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Teresa Philyaw. Motion carried unanimously.

Jill Head Deputy City Clerk